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ELECTRONIC MAIL MEMORANDUM

August 23, 2006

To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

Director, Bureau of Land Management

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the

Proposed 11 to 19-mile Extension of the Central Link Light Rail Transit

Project from Seattle to the Cities of Mercer Island, Bellevue, and Redmond, in King County, Washington (ER 06/837)

Agency Due Date: October 2, 2006

The Federal Transit Administration has published in the August 23, 2006, *Federal Register*, a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for the above referenced project. **The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the recently enacted SAFETEA-LU regulation.** You may retrieve it from the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by October 2, 2006.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/S/ Vijai N. Rai

cc: Assistant Secretaries

Regional Environmental Officer, POR

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